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In re Application of:

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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTING VARIABLE-LENGTH DIGIT STRINGS AND FOR PROVIDING HIGH-PERFORMANCE SEARCH OF DATA

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

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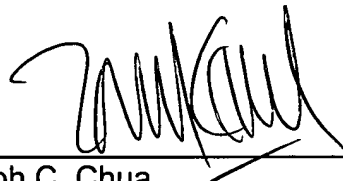
This request is being made in view of the fact that Raviant, current Assignee of the application, has gone bankrupt. We have tried without success to make contact with the company for some time including for purposes of billing and to keep the company apprised of the status of the various pending patent matters. We contacted the trustee of the bankruptcy proceeding, and the trustee directed us to the collateral agent for the secured parties. We contacted the collateral agent and as of this time, the collateral agent has not retained us as attorney for the pending application. Accordingly, we would like to withdraw as attorney at this time.

The collateral agent identified below, has been notified of this request for withdrawal.

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